

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB647

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 14, 2023
Committee On: Education
Introducer: McDonnell
One Liner: Change provisions relating to the purchase and loan of textbooks for children enrolled in kindergarten to grade twelve of a private school

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Albrecht, Briese, Conrad, Linehan, Murman, Sanders, Walz
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Wayne
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mike McDonnell
Jeremy Ekeler
Vickie Kauffold
Laurie States
Mark L'Heureux
Kyle McGowan
Jennifer Creager
Lane Carr

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Catholic Conference
Archdiocese of Omaha-Catholic School
Omaha Street School
Christ Lincoln Schools / Lutheran Schools of Lincoln
Nebraska Council of School Administrators, NSEA, NRCSA
Self
Nebraska Department of Education

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 647 would amend 79-734 so as to provide direction, authority, and funding for school districts to purchase and loan textbooks which the school district uses to students attending private schools.

SECTION 1

1.1 School boards and boards of education are authorized to purchase all textbooks, equipment, and supplies for the schools of the district.

1.2 Through June 30, 2024, the legislature may appropriate funds for school districts to purchase and loan textbooks which

are used in public schools to children enrolled in a private school.

Beginning July 1, 2024 the DOE, upon individual request, shall purchase and loan textbooks to students enrolled in a private school.

The legislature may appropriate funds for this requirement but the DOE is not obligated to spend money other than that which is specifically designated by the legislature for this purpose.

The bill sets forth various particulars of the DOE's authority and responsibilities in executing this legislation.

SECTION 2

79-734 is repealed.

Dave Murman, Chairperson